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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I write today to express my support of the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Justice Department. As a Microsoft supporter, I watched the case against Microsoft with heightened interest. Three years have now passed since the inception of this lawsuit. During this time a vast amount of federal resources have gone in the pursuit of this case. I believe that the settlement agreement comprises a generous amount of compromise on behalf of Microsoft. The settlement agreement should be enacted at the end of January.

To expand, the terms of the settlement are enormously equitable. Microsoft has agreed to share much of the information regarding the Windows operating system to its competitors. Namely, Microsoft will now disclose the protocols in Windows. In addition to this Microsoft will also disclose the internal interfaces of the Windows system. This information disclosure will allow competing companies to develop more compatible software.

I believe that the settlement is fair. Further, it is time that the issue is finally resolved. Thank you so much for your time regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

Chris Solberg

